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WELFARE OF TOLL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware off the complications and pliiight of workers such as toll tax workers and the dangerous traditional professions like the toddy tappers in various parts of the country; (b]iif so, the detaills of such workers alt present, State wise;

(c)whether such workers are provided with the prescribed salary, provident fund and other facilities;

(d)if so, the detaills thereof; and

(e)if not, the other welfare measures taken lay the Government for the welfare and protection of such workers in Hhe country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISIHIHU DEO SAI)

(a); With a view to providing social security to unorganized workers, including toll tax workers and toddy tappers;, the Government enacted the `Unorganised Workers` Social Jiecurity Act, 2008`. The Act provides for constitution of National Social Security Board at the central level to recommend social security schemes viz. liife and disability cover, heallth and maternity benefits, old age protection and any other benefit as may be determined by the Government for unorganized workers.

(b): According to the survey con duct etl by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) in 21909-10, the `total employment in both (the organized and tthe unorganized sectors including workers at. toll 1taj[and toddy tappers in the country was 46.5 croire, of which 43.7 crore were in tllie unorganized sector. State-wise data is not inaiintained.

(C) to (e): There is no Schedule Head or notified class ot establishment in the Employees` Pirovident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 to cover toll workers and dangerous traditional professions like toddy tappers. However, the establishments providing experts services amdl supplying personnel to various establishment and toll gates are gutting benefits of provident fund under the Act. State-wise list of such agencies covered are annexed as Annexure `A.

Government has already taken various steps to provide social security for the unorganized workers. Some of these schemes are listed as under:

1. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme. (Ministry of Rural Development)

2. National Family benefit Scheme. (Ministry of Rural Development)

3. Janani Suraksha Yojana,. (Ministuy of Health and Family Welfare)

4. Handioorn Weavers` Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. (Miniistiy of Textiles)

5. Handicraft Artisans` Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. (Ministry of Textiles)

6. Pension to Master Craft Persons. (Ministry of Textiles)

7. National Scheme for Welfare of Fisheinnwn and Training and Extension!. (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries)

8. Janshree Bima Yojana and Aarn Admi Biirna Yojana. (Department of Financial Services).

9. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana. (Ministry of Labour and Employment)